COUNTY PROFILE

Dakota Co.

Dakota Co. is a part of Economic Development Region 11, which is located in the Twin Cities Planning Region.

POPULATION CHARACTERISTICS

Dakota Co.'s population increased this decade, ranking as the 11th fastest growing of the 87 counties in the state from 2010 to 2020. It is now the 3rd largest in the state. Dakota Co.'s population has an older median age than the state and a smaller percentage of people aged 65 years and older. The population is aging, especially as the Baby Boom generation moves through the population pyramid (see Figure 1).

Current population:	431,807 people
Population change,	
2010-2020	8.3% increase

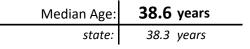
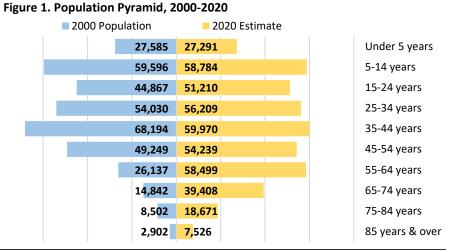


Table 1. Population by Age Group, 2020 Number **Percent** Under 5 years 27,291 6.3% 58,784 13.6% 5-14 years 51,210 11.9% 15-24 years 25-34 years 56.209 13.0% 35-44 years 59,970 13.9% 45-54 years 54,239 12.6% 55-64 years 58,499 13.5% 65-74 years 39,408 9.1% 75-84 years 18,671 4.3% 85 years & over 7,526 1.7% **Total Population** 431,807 100.0% Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates



Dakota Co. enjoyed a natural increase - more births than deaths from 2010 to 2019, but also experienced net in-migration - meaning more people moved in than moved out. Despite suffering domestic out-migration, Dakota Co. welcomed net international in-migration - gaining new Minnesotans from foreign countries (see Table 2).

Table 2. Components of Population Change, 2010-2019								
	Total	April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2019						
	Population	Natural	Vital E	vents	Net Migration			
	Change	Increase	Births	Deaths	Total	International	Domestic	
Dakota Co.	30,431	25,833	48,180	22,347	4,803	5,642	-839	
State of Minnesota	335,705	250,488	637,356	386,868	88,161	114,414	-26,253	

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Figure 2. Place of Birth for

Compared to the state, Dakota Co. has a larger percentage of foreign-born residents. From 2010 to 2018, Dakota Co. saw an increase in the number of foreign-born residents, which was faster than the statewide increase.

Table 3. Place of Birth for the Foreign Born	Dako	Dakota Co.		010-2019	Minnesota		
Population, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Percent	Change	
Foreign-born Population	41,071	9.7%	10,113	32.7%	8.5%	28.9%	
Europe	5,114	12.5%	965	23.3%	9.9%	4.5%	
Asia	14,340	34.9%	2,559	21.7%	37.5%	30.3%	
Africa	9,035	22.0%	3,605	66.4%	25.5%	72.0%	
Oceania	145	0.4%	<i>78</i>	116.4%	0.5%	37.2%	
Americas:	12,437	30.3%	2,906	30.5%	26.6%	10.0%	
Latin America	11,412	27.8%	3,288	40.5%	24.1%	12.2%	
Northern America	1,025	2.5%	-382	-27.1%	2.5%	-7.7%	

the Foreign Born Population, 2019

0%

□ Europe
□ Asia
□ Africa

35%

22%

■ Northern America

■ Oceania

■ Latin America

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Dakota Co.'s population was becoming more racially diverse over time. Since 2000, the county's white population increased and the number of people of other races increased (see Table 4).

Figure 3. Population by Race, 2019



Black or African American





Some Other Race



		Dakota Co	Minnesota		
Table 4. Race and Hispanic Origin, 2019	Number	Percent	Change from 2000-2019	Percent	Change from 2000-2019
Total	421,453	100.0%	18.4%	100.0%	13.1%
White	345,909	82.1%	6.4%	82.8%	4.7%
Black or African American	26,362	6.3%	225.8%	6.4%	107.6%
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,337	0.3%	-0.7%	1.0%	5.5%
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	20,560	4.9%	96.7%	4.9%	87.8%
Some Other Race	11,845	2.8%	157.2%	1.9%	58.1%
Two or More Races	15,440	3.7%	147.3%	3.0%	99.9%
Hispanic or Latino origin	30,100	7.1%	187.8%	5.4%	108.9%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

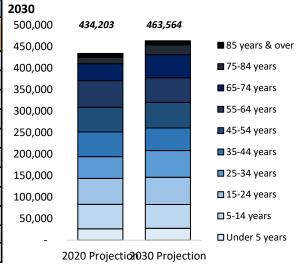
POPULATION PROJECTIONS

According to the Minnesota State Demographic Center, Dakota Co.'s population is expected to grow from 2020 to 2030, with a rate of change that is faster than the projected statewide growth rate (5.0%). In addition to the overall growth, the number of people aged 65 years and older is expected to increase over the next decade (see Figure 4 and Table 5).

Table 5. Population Projections by Age Group, 2020-2030

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	2020	2030	Numeric	Percent			
Dakota Co.	Projection	Projection	Change	Change			
Under 5 years	26,652	27,832	1,180	4.4%			
5-14 years	56,767	55,251	-1,516	-2.7%			
15-24 years	60,564	63,290	2,726	4.5%			
25-34 years	50,548	62,184	11,636	23.0%			
35-44 years	57,072	52,400	-4,672	-8.2%			
45-54 years	57,827	59,416	1,589	2.7%			
55-64 years	61,696	57,283	-4,413	-7.2%			
65-74 years	39,495	53,607	14,112	35.7%			
75-84 years	14,404	22,623	8,219	57.1%			
85 years & over	9,178	9,678	500	5.4%			
Total Population	434,203	463,564	29,361	6.8%			

Figure 4. Projections by Age Group, 2020-



Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Dakota Co. has a higher percentage of adults (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma than the state (92.4%), and a higher percentage of people with at least some college experience. Dakota Co. also has a higher percentage of people with an Associate's degree and a higher percentage of people with a Bachelor's degree or higher.

Percentage of the adult population (18 years & over) with at least a high school diploma:

94.1%

- 28% 6%/ - 28%

11%

Figure 5. Educational Attainment, 2019

22%

 $\hfill\square$ Less than high school

☐ High school graduate (incl. equiv.)

■ Some college, no degree

■ Associate's degree

■ Bachelor's degree

■ Advanced degree

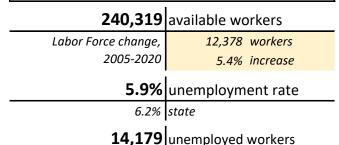
College-educated: 72.6%state: 67.1%

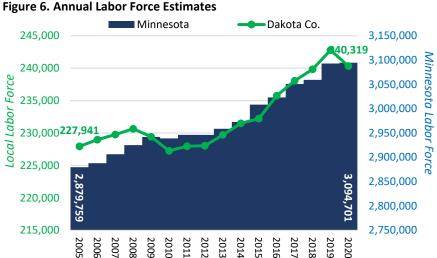
Associate's Degree: 11.2%
Bachelor's Degree: 27.8%
Advanced Degree: 11.8%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015-2019 American Community Survey

LABOR FORCE TRENDS

At 5.9%, Dakota Co. had a lower unemployment rate than the state in 2020. Due to the pandemic recession Dakota Co.'s unemployment rate increased compared to 2.9% in 2019, and was lower than the 7% rate posted in 2010. The number of unemployed workers actively seeking work in Dakota Co. increased over the past year, and is down compared to 2010.





Source: DEED Local Area Unemployment Statistics

Labor force growth has slowed in recent years. After experiencing a net gain of workers from 1990 to 2000, Dakota Co. averaged an annual gain of new workers from 2000 to 2010, and most recently a gain of new workers since 2010 (see Figure 7). Moving forward, Dakota Co. is expected to add workers from 2020 to 2030 (see Table 6).

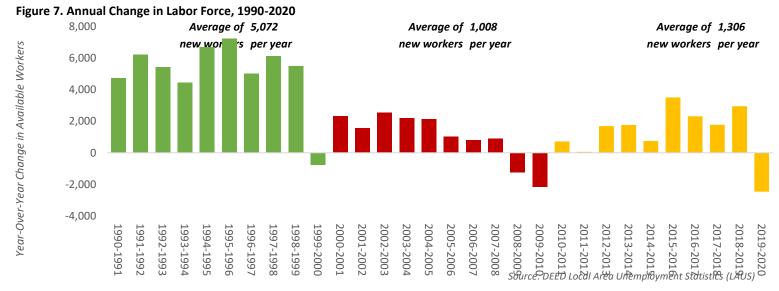
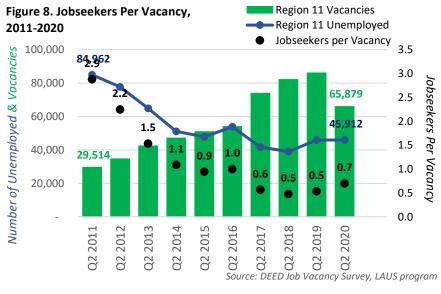


Table 6. Labor Force	Labor Force Projection				
Projections, 2020-2030	2020	2030			
16 to 24 years	39,575	42,433			
25 to 54 years	150,280	158,060			
55 to 64 years	46,951	43,592			
65 years & over	12,836	17,442			
Total Labor Force	249,642	261,527			

Source: Minnesota State Demographic Center

The labor market has grown extremely tight in recent years, with typically less than 1 jobseeker per vacancy until the pandemic recession intervened in early 2020, and the number of unemployed workers spiked. However, even by the fourth quarter of 2020, job vacancies recovered quickly bringing back challenges in finding new workers (see Figure 8).

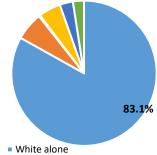


LABOR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS

Dakota Co. had a higher labor force participation rate than the state. The labor force in Dakota Co. is more racially diverse than the state (where 84.8% of workers are white alone), but is becoming more diverse over time.

	D	akota Co.		Minne	esota	Dakota Co.	
	In Labor Force (available workers)	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Labor Force Partic. Rate	Unemp. Rate	Male	Female
Total Labor Force	242,454	73.5%	3.6%	69.7%	3.6%	125,562	116,893
16 to 19 years	11,863	56.1%	13.3%	53.2%	11.0%	6,031	5,824
20 to 24 years	21,378	88.0%	6.9%	84.6%	6.0%	10,848	10,533
25 to 44 years	101,343	91.1%	3.1%	88.8%	3.2%	53,074	48,281
45 to 54 years	52,993	90.3%	2.4%	87.6%	2.7%	27,048	25,969
55 to 64 years	43,452	76.1%	2.5%	73.0%	2.8%	22,350	21,105
65 to 74 years	9,875	28.5%	1.7%	27.9%	2.2%	5,344	4,532
75 years & over	1,526	6.7%	2.3%	6.6%	2.4%	867	649
Employment Characteristics by Race 8	k Hispanic Origin					Figure 9. La	abor Force by
White alone	201,553	72.3%	2.9%	69.3%	3.0%	Race, 2019	_
Black or African American	15,174	82.7%	8.3%	71.3%	8.8%		
American Indian & Alaska Native	733	69.3%	6.5%	58.9%	12.6%		
Asian or Other Pac. Islanders	11,981	74.9%	4.1%	71.2%	4.3%		
Some Other Race	7,128	83.4%	8.5%	77.7%	6.1%		
Two or More Races	5,969	83.4%	7.4%	73.6%	7.4%		
Hispanic or Latino	15,828	79.1%	9.4%	76.5%	6.1%		
Employment Characteristics by Disabi	lity						8
With Any Disability	9,645	55.8%	9.2%	53.0%	8.6%		
Employment Characteristics by Educat	tional Attainment						
Population, 25 to 64 years	197,722	87.1%	2.8%	84.5%	3.0%	White al	
Less than H.S. Diploma	7,936	76.5%	3.8%	66.3%	4.2%		African American
H.S. Diploma or Equivalent	33,008	81.6%	2.0%	78.5%	2.6%		n Indian & Alaska
Some College or Assoc. Degree	65,336	87.2%	2.8%	85.3%	3.0%		Other Pac. Island
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	91,534	90.4%	2.0%	90.0%	1.7%	Some Of	ther Race

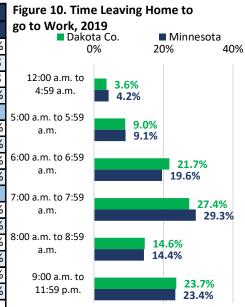
Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates



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- Two or More Races

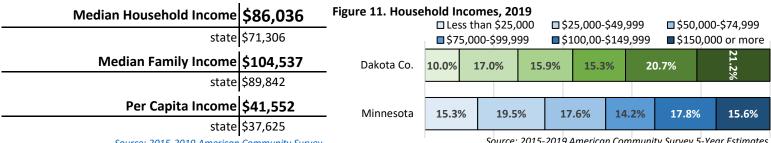
A smaller percentage of workers in Dakota Co. worked in the same county in which they live compared to the state. Dakota Co. also had a longer average commute time than the state.

	Dakota	Co.	Minne	esota	
Table 8. Commuting Characteristics, 2019	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	
Worked in state of residence	227,395	98.8%	2,837,697	97.6%	
Worked in county of residence	111,396	48.4%	1,846,247	63.5%	
Worked out of county of residence	116,229	50.5%	991,449	34.1%	
Worked outside state of residence	2,762	1.2%	69,779	2.4%	
MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION TO WORK					5
Car, truck, or van	204,610	88.9%	2,506,244	86.2%	
Public transportation (excl. taxicab)	7,365	3.2%	101,762	3.5%	
Other method (walk, bike, taxi, etc.)	5,524	2.4%	125,021	4.3%	6
Worked at home	12,659	5.5%	171,541	5.9%	
TRAVEL TIME TO WORK					7
Less than 10 minutes	26,238	11.4%	456,474	15.7%	
10 to 19 minutes	62,603	27.2%	872,243	30.0%	_
20 to 29 minutes	56,619	24.6%	645,460	22.2%	8
30 to 44 minutes	56,619	24.6%	575,680	19.8%	
45 to 59 minutes	17,952	7.8%	194,801	6.7%	
60 or more minutes	10,357	4.5%	162,819	5.6%	
Mean travel time to work (minutes)	24.9	minutes	23.7	minutes	



INCOMES, COST OF LIVING, & HOUSING

Dakota Co. had a higher median household income than the state, and a lower percentage of households with incomes below \$50,000. Overall, Dakota Co. had the 5th highest median household income of the 87 counties in the state.



Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

Dakota Co. also had a higher cost of living than the state, with a required hourly wage of \$16.78 for a single person living alone to meet a basic needs cost of living, and an hourly wage requirement of \$21.15 for a typical family with 2 adults and 1 child (see Table 9).

Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of	Table 9. Basic Needs Cost of Living Estimates, 2020									
	Single Yearly	Hourly Wage			N	Ionthly Co	sts			
Single Adult, 0 children	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health Care	Housing	Trans- portation	Other	Taxes	
Dakota Co.	\$34,903	\$16.78	\$0	\$352	\$146	\$964	\$686	\$360	\$401	
State of Minnesota	\$32,964	\$15.85	\$0	\$355	\$153	\$832	\$704	\$325	\$378	
Typical Family: 2 Adults (1	Family Yearly	Hourly Wage	Monthly Costs							
working full-time, 1 part-	Cost of Living		Child Care	Food	Health	Housing	Trans-	Other	Taxes	
time), 1 child	Cost of Living	Required	Child Care	roou	Care	Housing	portation	Other	Taxes	
Dakota Co.	\$65,998	\$21.15	\$799	\$803	\$569	\$1,230	\$796	\$557	\$746	
State of Minnesota	\$58,800	\$18.85	\$546	\$810	\$549	\$1,069	\$819	\$515	\$592	

Source: DEED Cost of Living tool

Dakota Co. had a higher median house value than the state, having the 5th highest value of the 87 counties in 2019. Dakota Co.'s housing stock was newer than the state's, with a higher percentage of units built since 2000 (see Figure 12).

Table 10. Estimated Value of Owner-	Dakota	Co.	Minnesota
occupied Housing Units, 2019	Total	Percent	Percent
Total	119,521	100.0%	100.0%
Less than \$50,000	3,849	3.2%	4.6%
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2,845	2.4%	7.8%
\$100,000 to \$149,999	7,596	6.4%	12.3%
\$150,000 to \$199,999	18,300	15.3%	17.9%
\$200,000 to \$299,999	41,072	34.4%	28.1%
\$300,000 to \$499,999	37,214	31.1%	21.5%
\$500,000 or more	8,645	7.2%	7.9%
Median (dollars)	\$266,0	000	\$223,900

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

Figure 12. Year Structure Built, 2019 0% 20%

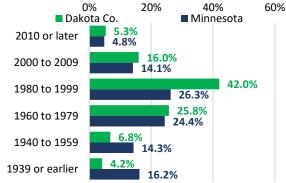


Figure 13. Housing Costs as a

Percentage of Income, 2019

14.0%

34.89

17.2%

mortgage

25.6%

rent

13.6%

Median monthly owner costs, owner-occupied units with a mortgage

state \$1,580

Percentage of households with a mortgage spending 30% or more of their income on housing costs

Median monthly rent costs \$1.174

Percentage of renters spending 30% or more of their household income on rent

state 4<u>5.1</u>%

Less than 20% 25.0% to 29.9%

20% to 24.9% 30.0% to 34.9%

■ 35% or more

10.0%

Source: 2015-2019 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates

OCCUPATIONS

At \$24.93 in 2021, wages were higher in Region 11 than the state. Overall, Region 11 had the highest median hourly wage level of the 13 economic development regions in the state. Wages were highest for management occupations (\$58.99) and lowest for food preparation and serving related jobs (\$13.94) (see Table 11).

Table 11. Occupational Employment Statistics, 2021								
		Regio	n 11		Stat	State of Minnesota		
Occupational Group	Median Hourly Wage	Estimated Regional Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	Regional Location Quotient	Median Hourly Wage	State-wide Jobs	Share of Total Jobs	
Total, All Occupations	\$24.93	1,697,060	100.0%	1.0	\$23.00	2,708,760	100.0%	
Management	\$58.99	119,150	7.0%	1.2	\$54.22	164,530	6.1%	
Business & Financial Operations	\$36.59	141,770	8.4%	1.3	\$35.24	179,670	6.6%	
Computer & Mathematical	\$46.25	83,760	4.9%	1.4	\$44.89	98,240	3.6%	
Architecture & Engineering	\$40.52	39,540	2.3%	1.1	\$38.90	54,880	2.0%	
Life, Physical & Social Science	\$38.12	18,230	1.1%	1.1	\$35.48	26,120	1.0%	
Community & Social Service	\$24.73	32,100	1.9%	0.9	\$24.21	55,630	2.1%	
Legal	\$45.37	15,590	0.9%	1.3	\$41.02	19,760	0.7%	
Education, Training & Library	\$25.64	88,880	5.2%	0.9	\$24.64	159,060	5.9%	
Arts, Design, Entertainment & Media	\$27.98	26,520	1.6%	1.2	\$25.72	36,260	1.3%	
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	\$38.80	104,110	6.1%	0.9	\$36.90	188,210	6.9%	
Healthcare Support	\$15.68	92,010	5.4%	0.9	\$15.52	157,140	5.8%	
Protective Service	\$23.80	26,050	1.5%	1.0	\$24.18	42,520	1.6%	
Food Preparation & Serving Related	\$13.94	115,480	6.8%	0.9	\$13.34	195,120	7.2%	
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	\$16.67	43,400	2.6%	0.9	\$16.14	74,550	2.8%	
Personal Care & Service	\$14.91	32,510	1.9%	1.0	\$14.57	51,660	1.9%	
Sales & Related	\$18.76	158,630	9.3%	1.0	\$16.83	250,430	9.2%	
Office & Administrative Support	\$21.96	219,750	12.9%	1.0	\$20.93	338,050	12.5%	
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	\$16.78	1,110	0.1%	0.4	\$18.14	4,230	0.2%	
Construction & Extraction	\$33.47	55,850	3.3%	0.9	\$29.84	102,390	3.8%	
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	\$26.77	53,890	3.2%	0.9	\$25.45	98,840	3.6%	
Production	\$20.54	104,880	6.2%	0.8	\$19.82	202,240	7.5%	
Transportation & Material Moving	\$19.09	123,850	7.3%	0.9	\$18.83	209,210	7.7%	

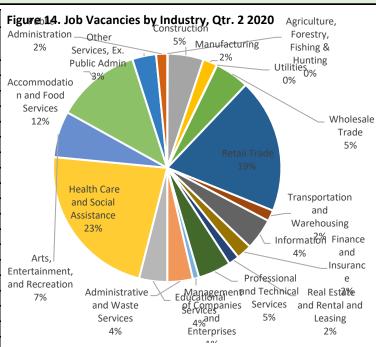
Source: DEED Occupational Employment Statistics, Qtr. 1 2021

Source: DEED Job Vacancy Survey, Qtr. 2 2020

JOB VACANCY SURVEY

Dakota Co. is a part of Region 11, which includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington County. There were 65879 job vacancies posted by employers in the 2nd Quarter of 2020, indicating extensive opportunity in the region, with openings across several occupations and industries (see Figure 14).

Table 12. Region 11 Job Vacancy Survey Results, Qtr. 2 2020							
	Number of						
Occupational Group	Vacancies	Wage Offer					
Total, All Occupations	65,879	\$16.77					
Management	3,674	\$30.17					
Business & Financial Operations	1,883						
Computer & Mathematical	2,014						
Architecture & Engineering	1,004						
Life, Physical & Social Sciences	631						
Community & Social Service	2,632						
Education, Training & Library	2,485						
Healthcare Practitioners & Technical	6,060						
Healthcare Support	8,626						
Protective Service	824						
Food Preparation & Serving Related	7,574	\$12.43					
Building, Grounds Cleaning & Maint.	2,097						
Personal Care & Service	2,594						
Sales & Related	8,183						
Office & Administrative Support	4,117	\$15.73					
Construction & Extraction	1,769						
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	1,778						
Production	1,719						
Transportation & Material Moving	4,817	\$12.62					



OCCUPATIONS IN DEMAND

Table 13. Twin Cities Occupations in Demand, 2020							
Less than High School	High School or Equivalent	Some College or Assoc. Deg.	Bachelor's Degree or Higher				
Home Health and Personal	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational	Degistered Nurses	Software Developers and Software				
Care Aides	Nurses	Registered Nurses	Quality Assurance Analysts and				
\$28,922	\$51,540	\$85,602	\$105,470				
Retail Salespersons	Nursing Assistants	Computer Network Support	Market Research Analysts and				
Netali Salespersoris		Specialists	Marketing Specialists				
\$26,660	\$38,066	\$65,304	\$74,094				
Stockers and Order Fillers	Medical Assistants	Magnetic Resonance Imaging	Construction Managers				
		Technologists					
\$31,456	\$43,012	\$82,199	\$96,645				
Customer Service	Health Information Technologists, Medical	,	Information Security Analysts				
Representatives	Registrars, Surgical Assistants, and	Interface Designers	,				
\$41,374	\$81,921	\$82,193	\$103,978				
Sales Representatives,	Computer User Support Specialists	Surgical Technologists	Substitute Teachers, Short-Term				
Wholesale and			·				
\$73,225	\$57,312	\$62,542	\$38,513				
First-Line Supervisors of	Medical Dosimetrists, Medical Records	Clinical Laboratory Technologists	Substance abuse, behavioral				
Retail Sales Workers	Specialists, and Health Technologists and	and Technicians	disorder, and mental health				
\$45,504	\$53,709	\$54,660	\$50,762				
Janitors and Cleaners,	Automotive Service Technicians and	Industrial Engineering	Computer Network Architects				
Except Maids and	Mechanics	Technologists and Technicians					
\$31,861	\$46,772	\$54,934	\$116,165				
Social and Human Service	Electricians	Radiologic Technologists and	Nurse Practitioners				
Assistants	4	Technicians					
\$36,081	\$76,713	\$69,362	\$120,092				
Laborers and Freight, Stock,	Dental Assistants	Cardiovascular Technologists	Computer Systems Analysts				
and Material Movers, Hand	4	and Technicians					
\$36,000	\$55,364	\$66,975	\$95,240				
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer	Heating, Air Conditioning, and	Environmental Science and	Surgeons, Except Ophthalmologists				
Truck Drivers	Refrigeration Mechanics and Installers	Protection Technicians, Including					
\$52,337	\$62,385	\$53,923	NA				

Source: DEED Occupations in Demand

Dakota Co. is a part of the Twin Cities planning region, which is projected to see a 6.8% increase in employment levels over the next decade. In addition to new jobs created, there will be a much larger number of exit openings (see Figure 15).

Table 14. Regional Industry Employment Projections, 2018-2028					
Twin Cities Planning Region	Estimated Employment 2018	Projected Employ- ment 2028	Percent Change 2018-2028		
Total, All Industries	1,927,626	2,029,009	5.3%		
Natural Resources & Mining	3,787	3,954	4.4%		
Utilities	5,623	5,700	1.4%		
Construction	70,186	77,511	10.4%		
Manufacturing	171,658	163,236	-4.9%		
Wholesale Trade	89,409	89,839	0.5%		
Retail Trade	169,053	164,394	-2.8%		
Transportation & Warehousing	70,333	72,878	3.6%		
Information	36,310	33,413	-8.0%		
Finance & Insurance, Real Estate	145,886	152,568	4.6%		
Professional Services & Mgmt. of Compani	211,984	235,511	11.1%		
Administrative & Waste Services	103,822	108,207	4.2%		
Educational Services	144,290	149,823	3.8%		
Health Care & Social Assistance	269,456	320,763	19.0%		
Leisure & Hospitality	175,239	186,261	6.3%		
Other Services, Ex. Public Admin	77,834	77,852	0.0%		
Public Administration	102,392	104,513	2.1%		

<u>iource: DEED 2018-2028 Employment Outlook</u>

Figure 15. Regional Occupational Employment Projections, 2018-2028

Zimpio yimeme i rojections, 2010 2020						
■ From employment growth -50,000		From exit (50,000	openings 150,000			
Management	9.840	32.726				
Business & Financial	- /	- /				
	10,097	,				
Computer & Mathematical	9,575	14,910				
Architecture & Engineering	1,876	1 0,235				
Life, Physical, & Social	1,809	4,119				
Community & Social Service	4,328	15,016				
Legal	1,829	■ 4,721				
Education, Training, &	5,790	42,752				
Arts, Design,	571	1 5,914				
Healthcare Practitioners &	13,320	30,280				
Healthcare Support	7,720	25 ,940				
Protective Service	1,173	1 3,989				
Food Preparation &	10,214	107,585				
Building, Grounds Cleaning	3,319	32, 366				
Personal Care & Service	22,24					
Sales & Related	-1,9	6493,638				
Office & Administrative	6,730	129,919				
Farming, Fishing, & Forestry	94	1,256				
Construction & Extraction	5,630	21,808				
Installation, Maintenance,	1,754	1 8,526				
Production -	5,387	45,932				
Transportation & Material	4,282	52,871				

ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS

Due to the pandemic recession, after losing jobs over the past year, Dakota Co. had the 3rd largest economy of the 87 counties in the state. Dakota Co. was the 64th fastest growing in the past year and the 40th fastest growing since 2015. From 2015 to 2020, employers in Dakota Co. cut jobs, but lagged the state's -2.4% change.

 10,802 business establishments
 \$62,219 annual average wage

 177,866 jobs
 \$11,066,668,914 total industry payroll

 Job change, 2015-2020 -3.4% decline
 -3.4% decline

Figure 16. Industry Employment Statistics, 2005-2020

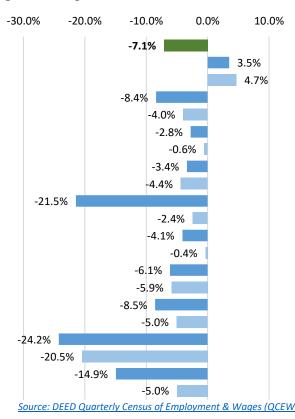


2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: DEED QCEW program

			Average
Table 15. Dakota Co. Industry	Number of	Percent of	Annual
Employment Statistics, 2020	Jobs	Total Jobs	Wage
Total, All Industries	177,866	100.0%	\$62,219
Agriculture, Forestry, Fish & Hunt	886	0.5%	\$37,156
Mining	112	0.1%	\$104,670
Construction	9,596	5.4%	\$80,093
Manufacturing	18,204	10.2%	\$72,503
Utilities	528	0.3%	\$124,168
Wholesale Trade	8,747	4.9%	\$79,283
Retail Trade	23,406	13.2%	\$35,262
Transportation & Warehousing	14,525	8.2%	\$64,186
Information	5,026	2.8%	\$94,936
Finance & Insurance	12,509	7.0%	\$98,943
Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,244	1.3%	\$58,042
Professional & Technical Services	7,844	4.4%	\$88,746
Management of Companies	4,836	2.7%	\$116,992
Admin. Support & Waste Mgmt. Svcs.	7,196	4.0%	\$47,658
Educational Services	12,580	7.1%	\$58,271
Health Care & Social Assistance	22,753	12.8%	\$45,332
Arts, Entertainment, & Recreation	2,848	1.6%	\$122,566
Accommodation & Food Services	12,435	7.0%	\$19,967
Other Services	6,254	3.5%	\$39,785
Public Administration	5,333	3.0%	\$66,819

Figure 2. Change in Jobs, 2019-2020



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